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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to recognize Dean Michèle Alexandre of Loyola University Chicago School of Law on her continued service to the educational institution; and

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WHEREAS, Dean Alexandre began to serve in her current position as dean and professor of law at Loyola University Chicago School of Law in July 2022, becoming the 14th dean in the School of Law's history; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to joining Loyola University Chicago, Dean Alexandre served as dean of Stetson University College of Law from 2019 to 2022, where she led efforts to expand the curriculum, increase alumni engagement, and establish new community partnerships; under her leadership, Stetson University raised more than \$20 million for scholarships and capital projects, created a new business law concentration, and boasted the best pass rate for first-time takers of the Florida Bar exam since 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Dean Alexandre previously held roles at the University of Mississippi School of Law, the American College of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, among

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1 others; she also litigated discrimination cases in Selma,
2 Alabama, including both iterations of the historic Black
3 farmers class action litigation; and

4 WHEREAS, Dean Alexandre received her Bachelor of Arts in
5 English and French with a background in Philosophy from
6 Colgate University in Hamilton, New York in May 1996, and she
7 earned her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in June 2000;
8 she was a recipient of both Thomas J. Watson and Fulbright
9 Fellowships; and

10 WHEREAS, A first-generation lawyer, Dean Alexandre has
11 dedicated much of her career to issues of sustainability, race
12 and gender equity, economic independence, and social justice
13 for small farmers and poor populations; her scholarship has
14 included constitutional law, international law, civil rights
15 law, disability law, critical race theory, human rights, and
16 gender; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Dean
19 Michèle Alexandre of the Loyola University Chicago School of
20 Law on her continued service to the educational institution;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Dean Alexandre as an expression of our esteem and
2 respect.